

I CLAIM:

1. An anti-theft device for use in securing the release
5 of the air-operated parking brake valves on a tractor-trailer rig, said device comprising:

a. a pair of mating halves;

10 b. a lock having a locking pin operable by inserting and turning a key in said lock, said lock being disposed for securing said halves together; and,

c. said halves being formed for surrounding and enclosing the air brake release valves while in an
15 engaged position in order to prevent release thereof without a key for said lock.

2. A device as in Claim 1 wherein a first of said halves including a tongue with an opening therein and a
20 second of said halves including a channel for receiving said tongue.

3. A device as in Claim 2 wherein said second half includes said lock and locking pin for engaging the
25 opening in said tongue.

4. A device as in Claim 1 wherein a first half of said mating halves includes adjustment mechanisms for adjusting said lock to the air-brake release valves of a
30 particular tractor-trailer rig.

5. A device as in Claim 4 wherein said adjustment mechanisms are screws secured into said first of said halves.

5 6. A device as in Claim 1 wherein said device is formed from plastic.

7. A device as in Claim 1 wherein said device is formed from metal.

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8. An anti-theft device for a vehicle employing air-operated parking brakes, said device being disposed about said parking brake release valves when engaged, said device comprising:

15 a. a pair of mating halves formed for surrounding and enclosing said control valves while in an engaged position, wherein a first of said halves including a tongue having an opening therein and a second of said halves including a channel for receiving said tongue;

20 b. a lock having a locking pin being disposed in said second half wherein said locking pin engages said opening in said tongue in order to secure said first and second halves together.

25 9. A device as in Claim 8 wherein said device is formed from a poly-carbon fiber.

10. A device as in Claim 8 wherein said device is formed from plastic.

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11. A device as in Claim 8 wherein a first half of said mating halves includes adjustment mechanisms for

adjusting said device to the air-brake release valves of a particular tractor-trailer rig.

12. A device as in Claim 11 wherein said adjustment
5 mechanisms are screws secured into said first of said halves.

13. An anti-theft device for a vehicle employing air-operated parking brakes, said device being disposed about
10 said parking brake release valves when engaged, said device comprising:

a. a pair of mating halves formed for surrounding and enclosing said control valves while in an engaged position, wherein a first of said mating halves including
15 a tongue having an opening therein and a second of said mating halves including a channel for receiving said tongue;

i) said first of said mating halves having a first pair of recesses for receiving the tops of said
20 release valves and a second pair of recesses, smaller than said first pair, for receiving the shafts of said release valves;

ii) said second of said mating halves having a third pair of recesses mating with said first pair of
25 recesses for receiving the tops of said release valves and a fourth pair of recesses, smaller than said third pair and mating with said second pair, for receiving the shafts of said release valves; and,

b. a lock having a locking pin being disposed in
30 said second half wherein said locking pin engages said opening in said tongue in order to secure said first and second halves together.

14. A device as in Claim 13 wherein said device is formed from a poly-carbon fiber.

15. A device as in Claim 13 wherein said device is
5 formed from plastic.

16. A device as in Claim 13 wherein a first half of said mating halves includes adjustment mechanisms located in said pair of recesses for adjusting said device to the
10 air-brake release valves of a particular tractor-trailer rig.

17. A device as in Claim 16 wherein said adjustment mechanisms are screws secured into said first pair of
15 recesses for fitting the back side of the tops of said release valves.